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CHRISTMAS.

ANCIENT USAGES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Preparations for the Observance of the Anniversary in This City.

Inauguration Ceremonies of Last Night and This Morning.

Impressive Midnight Services at St. Alban's Church.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

The Festivities and Amusements of the Day and Evening.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Ancient Usages on Christmas Eve.
178 OBSERVANCE IN NEW YORK MIDNIGHT SERVICES.
Christmas eve used to be a great day in all Christendom
a day devoted to mirth and jellity, fun and frolic, as ushering in the world's festival. In England, more especially, it was wont to be celebrated right royally the veritable festival itself was not so much honored a its harbinger. The bearing in of the huge "yule log" to the Castle court inaugurated the day, and as its blazin sparks caused a ruddy glow to tash on the faces of all, the festive board was spread and all attacked the "brawn," the boar's head decked with bay and rosemary, and the roasted ox, with appetites sharpened by the frosty air. Then,

"The wassail round in good brown bowls,
Garnished with ribbons blithely trolls,"
and drinking of the joy inspiring liquid all became inspirited and the merry laugh and jouund jest ressumded through the hall.

Then came the merry maskers in,
And carols roared with blithsome din;
If unmelodious was their song,
It was a hearty note and strong.
Who lists may in their mumming see
Traces of ancient mystery.

Bo soon as the village chimes proclaim the bour of

midnight the carol singers commence their peregrina-tions, and the gray eye of Christmas morning still sees them at their labors. This last custom, and one of the time honored usages of antiquity, prevail to this day all over England. From the first sleep of night one is awakened by the sound of sweet strains of music and simple melodies wishing one a Happy Christmas and recalling the heavenly message promulgated so long since of "Peace on earth, good will towards men." The church bells, too, ring out a merry peal, proclaiming that rica these customs have fallen into disuse, if, indeed, they ever existed. Having no ancient customs of her own. Columbia those of other countries, and, losing nothing by this determination, her children enjoy their Christmas as heartily as those of any nation. It is not unlikely that were our hardworking citizens ed in their slumbers by the sound of Christma carols, however sweet, the performers would receive other than a blessing as the sleeper waked up, and the "waits" would assuredly have to establish the correctness of their cognomen ere they would receive any

in Roman Catholic countries, the custom of ringing a merry peal upon the church bells at midnight and

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung, On Christmas Eve the mass was sung : That only night in all the year Saw the stoled priest his chalice rear.

dispensed with, and the coromonies are usually of the most imposing character. In Ireland, too, almost all the the soft strains of the organ and sweet voices of the spotthanksgiving to God. In England this custom, strangely enough, exists in one or two places. Cronan Aboey, possession of the monks, a grant of land was made it for the purpose of paying for the chanting of masses on into the hands of the Episcopal Church, and the grant, too, has not been rescinded. Each Christmas eve at abbey chant a number of Anglican hymns, by which as the grant of land, now very valuable, is retained.

A service of an imposing and withel peculiar charac-ter was solemnized at midnight at the Protestant Epis-copal Church of St. Alban's, Rorty-seventh street and Lexington avenue. In England, for some time past, what is called Puseyism has been creeping into the Es-tablished Church. This is looked upon by the members of the original Protestant Church as a hateful innovation ces in churches into which it has crept are no unusual. Instance those at St. George's in the East permit the service to proceed for several weeks in con sequence of the Fuseyism introduced. This has kept ence, the church in Forty-seventh street being probably the precursor of many others of a similar kind. A large congregation was present at the service referred to, the bandsome edifice being quite filled. The church was me edifice being quite filled. The church was astefully ornamented with evergreens and the chance decorated with flowers. The altar cloth was of scarle

tastefully ornamented with evergreens and the chancel decorated with flowers. The altar cloth was of scarlet on top, with a draping of white satin, on the front of which a representation of a cross was prominent. On the altar itself there was in the centre a large gilt cross, and on either side a vase of flowers. Four tail wax candies were burning, two at each side, while at each extremity of the altar a candelabra, foil of busing candies, was placed. A number of evergreens in flower-pots were placed at the sides of the chancel. Altogether the appearance, though tasteful in the extreme, seemed strange as in a church where all desire for display is ignored and empty forms as slittle attended to as possible.

So soon as the chimes told midnight a soft tended to as possible.

So soon as the chimes told midnight a soft into the church, as if angels were rejoicing over the birth of a Saviour. This communed for a short time, when the doers of the vestry opened and a number of young lads, attreed as accivite, entered before the altar. They were preceded by an individual, dressed in a long robe of black serie, after the manner of the old monks. He wore, no collar, and the robe was gathered round the waist by a black cord. The hands of the accipitish choristers were clasped as in prayer. There were six of them. After these case four surpliced gentlemen, who assisted them in the readering of the hymn they chanted. Then came a small accipite apporting a large wooden cross entwined with kelly. After him came the three officiating clergymen, which completed the novel procession. This line proceeder cound the church charting lymns in English, the congregation the time standing, and after making a circuit of the building returned to the altar, when the choristers filed in to seat at either side, while the three officiating clergymen waiked up to the altar and made each a low obeisance. Remaining with his back to the congregation, the others doing the same, the griest, as he is tormed in the Puseytian Corch, commenced the cong

MIDNIGHT MASSES IN NEW JERSEY.

lition to the services of Sunday as such, est all the Roman Catholic churches in this city Christmas Eve services. New Jersey alone was true Bean's church, Jersey City, and Dr. Cauvney's, Mobo-boken, a solemn mass was sung and an appropriate sermon delivered by the pastor. Both places of worship were densely crowded by devont wor hippers, who listened with religens fervor to the music of Handel and Mozart as rendered by the choir, and, as they left the church, filled with the happy thought that they too, with the wise men of old, had seen his "star in the east," great joy filled their hearts, and all sorrow, pain and trouble were forgotten in the knowledge that it was Christmas morning.

Christmas Eve at Bellevue Hospital.

Hospital presented a very animating and interesting ap-pearance, which arose from the fact that the medica tudents of that institution had made the necessary ar-angements to give the patients located therein a supper, sive scale, owing to the large number of male asylum. J. H. Monahan, the Warden of the hospital, took a most active part in having all the preliminaries attended to; and in this he was ably assisted by Mrs. Corwin, the efficient matron of the male department, and Mrs. Riddle, who has charge of the female department, and Mr. P. Campbell. The President and Commissioners were not idle spectators on the occasion, but did all in their power to make the entertainment a perfect wicess.

did all in their power to make the feet success.

The ward was nicely and tastefully filled up for the occasion, and was profusely dressed with the Stars and Stripes, evergreens and other insignia suitable for the occasion, and was well it up. Those of the patients who could not be present were attended to in their different wards. The attendance of the surgeons and students of the hospitals, numbering some hundred, was very imposing to witness.

The Governor's Room was tastefully and elegantly

wards had their patients clean and neat to sit down to THE SUPPER,
which was of a very echerche and substantial nature. It consisted of roast and boiled turkeys, geese, chickens, and all the requestic dishes suited for the occasion. The decorum and deportment of the patients were excellent, and they appeared fully to appreciate not only the kindness but the honor which the students of the college had conferred. Simeon Braper, Esc., ex-President of Commissioners and ex-Collector of this port, was present, and not only participated in the good things prepared, but appeared; pleased and delighted at seeing such an exhibition of the benevolence of the students manifested towards the sick and the diseased. There were present many gentlemen and ladies also, who appeared equally pleased. Mr. Monahan, the respected warden, with Mrs. Corwin and Mrs. Riddle, and some of warden's clerks, deserve to be mentioned for their exertions on the occasion and their marked attention te the guests.

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The following are the names of the Commissioners, members of the medical faculty and clergymen who were present:—Isaac Bell, James Bowen, James B. Nicholson, O. W. Brennan, Isaac A. Taylor, M. D., Austin Flint, M. D., James R. Wood, M. D., F. H. Hausikon, M. D., Lewis A. Bayre, M. D., Alex, B. Wolf, M. D., Geo. F. Elliott, M. D., B. F. Barber, M. D., B. W. McCready, M. D., Stephen-Smith, M. D., Austin Flint, St., M. D., R. P. Doremus, M. D., Pofessor Papier, Professor Loomis, Professor Thomas Noyes, Professor Mikhason, Rev. Father McGlynn, Rev. Pather Gamboulle, Rev. Father Gallagher, Rev. Charles E. Phelps, Rev. Mr. Bumminbetts, and Mr. John Pomeroy, Hospital Engineer.

The following gentlemen composed the Committee of Students, and we only do them justice when we state that they exerted themselves most energatically in having this entertainment alike creditable to themselves having the entertainment alike creditable to themselves and the institution to which they are attached:—Mesars, Ripley, Norman A. Smith, Fred. A. Castle, J. Jones, Samuel Holman, T. H. Hammond, — McKenzia, J. H. Monahan (Warden), Mrs. Riddle, Miss E. Moushan and Miss C. Monahan.

The performance of some beautiful pleces on the melodeon were much admired and applauded.

After the first tables were served, Mr. Movahan, flecharman, preposed the following sentiment, from a patient, which was loudly applauded on being read:— "The Students of Bellevue Hospital Medical College— that they make such good use of their time and the rare opportunities which they enjoy under the tuition of the eminent professors, who fash like meteors over the classic precincts of "Bellevue," as to graduate seith honor to themselves and their teachers, and beside the world over for the rapid progress it has made in the most useful knowledge—that of alleviating the sufferings of poor, afflicted humanity, 'and the thousand ills which flesh is heir tot,

The Pestivities of the Day. SERVICES AT ZION CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS.

The widows and orphans of deceased soldiers are in vited to a free dinner, from nine o'clock this morning until ten at night, at 47 Ludlow street.

PESTIVAL AT THE HOWARD MISSION. Christmas exercises, of the most attractive and inte-renting kind, will be held between the hours of ten and four to-day, at the Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, No. 37 New Bowery. A number of Sabbath schools are expected to assist the children of the Mission in singing anthems and songs. A large quantity of gilt edged Testaments and other articles from the Christ mas trees will be presented to the children by the directom of the institution.

City Amusements.

engaged at the different city theatres and music halls. have been all agog during the past week preparing actively, in their lessure hours, to receive their patrons young and old, in a worthy manner on Christmas day As noticed in the Herald yesterday morning, brillians matinees will be given to day, in the forenoon and after

talented company at the Broadway. The original "Sam" overture, with variations for violin, by Charles De Berio and grand Hanovarian march, by H. Eckhardt, will be

played. GEORGE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS

will come out with many new faces and a batch of nov elties at the new Fifth avenue Opera. House, where there will be very brilliant and entertaining scenes. The House in the piece called the Managers' Strike. Budworth, Hodgkin, Hall and George Christy will take parts. The Free Academy comes after, and then the popula and pleasing farce, Black Statue, with Jake, a mischiev ous darky, George Christy; Old Squintum, a farmer and fond of curiosities, G. L. Hall; Pete, in love with Squintum's daughter. W. S. Budworth: Pilgarlic, a sly cove val dance will call out the entire company.

TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE shines out luminously with its great gaslight sign, in the Bowery, and its enlightening and enlivening entertain-ments within doors. This evening the wonderful and successful comic trick pantomime, the Demon's Revel, will be performed in fine style. Miss Maggie Vernon, talented danseuse, will make her first appearance. Tony Pastor has arranged to play Smith and Brown, The Black Dwarf, The Contraband College, or The Hilton Head In stitute, and also to have songs and dances in great abundance, so that his crowds of friends may enjoy a happ,

THE NEW NATIONAL CIRCUS. cons troupe at three Christmas Day performances—a alf-past ten in the morning, half-past two in the after oon, and at half-past seven in the evening. The grand natinees will be peculiarly acceptable to his numerou acrobats are in high spirits, full feather and immens force, George Derious, a wonderful "man monkey, and a ternoon, in the laughable afterpiece of the Mischievous Monkey. Good old Santa Claus is friendly also and will distribute presents to the children from the rena every afternoon

BRYANTS' MINSTRELS.

The Bryants' Minstrel company will be particularly musical and amusing at Mechanics' Hall, Broadway, this evening. From a varied programme we may mention about to be performed the monster concert Tin-pan-oni on, conductor Sig. Dano Bryanti; Reckon I'm In Luck Krows, with Exempt Shakers or Perfect Cures, by th company; Little Mac in his comic Essence, the Haunted House and In and Out of Place. They will also give Ic on Parle Francais, with Mons. Garlic, in search of quie odgings, Dan Bryant; Mr. D. Beat, a landlord, Nels ur, and Joco, a mischievous monkey, Little Mac The Bryants' will be comic as ever, which is saying a

situated at the corner of Grand and Crosby streets, sents a very extraordinary attraction in the Two Fakirs and fifty gifts every evening, and will perform some of the most wonderful feats to-day in addition. The Fakirs THE SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS

are now in their thirty-fourth week in Broadway, with and Backus will endeavor to excel themselves Christmas evening. Speeches, ballads, a wild Irish jig, Mrs. McGow bills in great variety. The entertainments will conclude with The Dying Brigand, a very laughable buriesque.

Harry Leslie, the great American Blondin und-come-dian, will meet a bost of friends at this new house (late Hope Chapel), Broadway, at a grand Christmas matinee and in the evening. He has an excellent company with him, and his own tight rope performances are really wonderful. To-day will be given, amongst others, Pom-poy's Music Lesson, by Stratton and Merritt: the balled "Call me thine own," by Miss Carrett; the wonderful Knee Dance, by Mr. Leslie. To conclude with the length-

The Homicide Case in Jersey City.

Coroner Kirsten commenced an investigation yesteryesterday as having died the afternoon previous from internal hemorrhage, caused from injuries received, as is alleged, while engaged in a fight with a man named The following evidence was taken, after which the

Peter Wirm, being sworn, testified that he resides at No. 246 Railsond avenue, Jersey City, and is in the em-

down the ladder, and heard them challenge each other to fight; witness went up to Daly and tried to pacify him; but the two men insisted on fighting out ther difficulty, and rushed at each other; could not say who gave the first stroke; they fought standing about five minutes, and Daly knocked Murphy down; Murphy struck Daly in the chest and side when the latter rushed upon him; the men were separated, and both worked until night; Daly bled either from his nose or mouth; he did not complain of pain after the fight, and wont home with the other men; saw deceased at his house the same evening, and saw him eat his supper; did not see any other man strike Daly, nor did witness see anything in Murphy's hands.

The New College Hospital. We have ascertained all necessary particulars about the new College Hospital erected on the grounds of

Bellevue Hospital by the Commissioners of Charities and

Correction. The building is a substantial brick struc-

ture, with stone finishings, of about fifty by one hun-dred feet and fifty feet high, of two stories. Its interior fittings are elegant, but by no means extravagant. The entire cost of the building was about \$50,000. The purposes will be given to day, in the forenson and afternoon, or afternoon only, at many of the houses, while the evening performances at all of the establishments will call forth the talent of some of the best of our dramatic performers, the most musical singera, the most comical of negro minstrels, the funniest clewns and wittlest jeziers, the most wonderful contortionists, most agile acrobata, barlequin and chameleon-like patients in a proper manner, and the College Hospital was erected to avoid the necessity of recurring to them eternally. The Commissioners perceived also that many patients who were unable to pay for treatment elsewhere would be able to take care of themselves at nome if medicuse and medical advice were supplied to them. Not only this, but these patients felt assessed furnilistion at being compelled to many hie-sings vouchashed to them during the year. We append a resume of the centres of attraction for popular amusement:—

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Mr. Chanfigus has acceded to the request of a great number of his friends and admisers, and consented to play at the Broadway Gring two weeks more in his great and original dynamic resolution. The celebrated local drama entitled Hose will be performed there this sevening, Mr. Chanfrau personating Mose. Bam will be given every night during the week in conclusion. We need not inform our readers that it. Chanfrau will applied to the folloge Hospital. entire cost of the building was about \$50,000. The purposes for which it was put up were these:-

THE BROOKLYN TRAGEDY.

Condition of Russ and His Intended Victim.

BOTH IN A VERY CRITICAL STATE

RESULTS OF THE SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

RUSS STILL HARPING ON "INGRATITUDE" HE HOPES NEITHER MAY RECOVER.

HIS ANTECEDENTS.

The terrible attempt at murder and suicide which

curred in Brooklyn on Saturday evening last, a deailed account of which appeared exclusively in Sun day's HERALD, is the theme of general conversation determined will sought the life of Miss Dayton, and will be read with horror all over the land. Seldon capable means to effect a purpose as those with which tragedy he contemplated. There is but little to add to turning of the same deadly weapon upon himself, and his subsequent flight from the scene, his throwing himself into the river, bleeding and wounded almost to the death, as he was, his escape by his own efforts from drowning (strange inconsistency) and his arrest by the officers of justice and lodgment in the City Hospital of Brooklyn, where he now lies. The particulars have en fully and accurately given in our edition of yester day. The details as to the condition of the perpetrator Russ' statement or explanation of his motives in per-

preparation for it.

LOVE NOT THE MOTIVE.

He denies that unrequited affection was his incentive to the murderous and suicidal acts which he contemplated and so nearly and immediately effected. But this is not borne out by the facts. On the contrary, it will be the suicidal acts of the contrary it will be consequence of her attachment to

NOT ALL "INGRATITUDE."

About two weeks ago in answer to a question put to her by Russ she replied, "that she had no love for him, and had a great regard for another man" From this time Russ determined upon his own and her destruction.

Repers in the city. He was an associate elerk with Mr. Tilt, the agent of the Mexican loan, seventeen years ago. IN THE HOSPITAL.

Yesterday forenoon Rays was in possession of hie full senses. At that time Dr. Enos, the visiting physician at the City Hospital in Raymond street, performed an operation upon his head in order to extract the platol bullets which were supposed to have lodged in the bram. The sufferer made no objections to the operation. The sufferer made no objections to the operation. The sufferer made no objections to the operation. The sufferer made no number, one on the right cheek, the bullet in this case entering the flesh by the upper point of the bone and thence taking an upward course towards the brain, where it is feared it lodged. The second wound is on the loft foreign hear the temple. Dr. Enos was occupied nearly two hours in the operation of tracing the course of the bullet, and removing portions of the bone and skull. The doctor extracted eight pieces of the fractured skull bone and recovered several pieces of the braiden shot. It is yet thought that the larger portion of one of the balls is in the brain beyond the reach of the surgeon's probe. The patient exhibited the most extraordinary fortude during the whole of the painful operation to which he wassubjected. While the surgeon was probing the wound with his fingers the unfortunate sufferer's eyes protunded to a frightful extent from their sockets. In the extreme of his agony, however, he still evinced a stocket was wonderful to witness.

CONDITION OF MISS DAYTON.

We learn that last evening Miss Dayton was doing welf so far; but the doctors have little hope of her recovery. She is laboring under great nervous prostration. She is attended by Dr. Whaley, an experienced surgeon, who has done all in his power to extract the bullet from her head, but without entire success.

Thus this unhappy affair stands at present.

Removal of General Dudley from Command of the Freedmen's Bureau-Unpopularity of That Institution-South-Feeling Towards the Freedmen.

OUR MEMPHIS CORRESPONDENCE. Mustrus, Tenn., Dec. 13, 1865.

GENERAL DUDLEY'S REMOVAL. General Dudley, who has been in command of freedmen's Bureau of the district of West Tennes some two or three months just, was relieved a few days since and succeeded by Major Reeves. The Generadicals denounced him vehemently and clamored for ever, in certain circles, that the change was not occaioned by General Dudley's general line of policy in reorder prohibiting ferrymen from carrying freedmes employers. It is now intimated that a certain party con-Mississippi river, in Arkansas, which was stocked with. of this party, the discontented freedmen teing thus pre

vented from returning to Memphis. pared a petition setting forth the necessity of remining umber of prominent citizens, including a well known editor of this city, were induced to sign and forward to the President, the purpose being really General Dudley's etention. It is stated that this petition was referred to General Howard, and will be embodied in his official report as evidence of the popularity of the buread among citizens, editors and planters at the South. If this be correct the petitioners will find that they have awkwardly committed themselves contrary to their real sen-

POPULAR FEELING.

The feelings of the people in regard to the issues of the governments may be accurately judged by the tone of

An immense amount of business is carrying on at this point, and the evidences of prosperity are everywhere apparent. New houses are building, new firms forming and commensing operations. Every avenue and department of trade and industry is expanding under the influence of energy and capital. Men of large capital and of wide professional reputation are coming here to locate from different parts of the country. A. P. Stewart, late Lieutenant General in the rebel army, the successor of Bishop General Polk, is in this city. He is a graduate

iate Lieutenant General in the rebel ariny, the successor of Bishop General Polit, is in this city. He is a graduato of West Point, was formerly Professor of Mathematics in Cumberland University, and it is intimated may soon accept a similar position. General Albert Pile, the Arkansas poet, has located in this city to practise law.

The Memphis and Charleston Railroad is completed, with the exception of the bridge across Tennessee river at Decatur, Alsbama. The roads running north and south from this coy are rapidly advancing to completion. Operations have not yet been commenced upon the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, although the subject has been under consideration for some time. No part of the road is used at present.

port of the road is used at present.

THE OFERA.

Madame Ghioni and Signor Susini's grand Italian spera troupe, with Max Strakosch as director, have straved bere, and opened at Greenlaw Opera Hall to fill a limited engagement. The Hall has been crowded to overflowing by the beauty, lashion and for of the city every night and the entertainment lauded to the skies. It is in every way an eminent success, reflecting high crofit upon the director, while the patronage and estairation of the poblic are alike flattering to the company and indicative of good taste on the part of their delighted auditors. The troup will leave for New Orleans at the close of their engagement here.

THE TREATER.

Miss Laura Koene closed an engagement of threa weeks at the new Memphis theatre last Saturday sight, and drew crowded houses every night. Our American Cousin and The Workingmen of New York created immense favor and enthusiasm. She has gone to New Orleans.

Orleans.

Edwin Adams, the gifted and brilliant young tragedian, is playing Shakspero's tragedies this week in the same theatre, attracting a brilliant, appreciative and packed house every night. His success here is of the most flattering character, and the public only regret that his engagement is not for a longer term.

BY THE SPANISH RESIDENTS OF MERIDA, ETC. By the arrival of the steamship Guiding Star, from New Orleans December 17, via Havana December 20, we have received advices from Yucatan to the 5th inst., vana December 17.

The journey of the Empress of Mexico through Yuca-While at Merida her Majesty donated the following sums :- \$2,500 for the establishment of a free school for cirls in that city; \$3,000 to the general hospital; \$3,000 to be distributed among the poor, in especial to such as had suffered by the war of castes; \$1,000 toward completing the work on the cathedral, and smaller sums to various religious orders.

On the 1st of Becember the Empress visited the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, and the following day she was present at the benediction and inauguration of the "Constancia" cotion spinning establishment.

tay she was present at the december in any day she was present and the december. Her Majesty left Merida on the morning of December 4, for the city of Campeche, passing through Uxmal. A large number of the young men of Merida volunteered to attend the Empress as far as the limits of the department as a guard of honor.

On the 27th of November a body of insurgent Indians appeared at Sacaba, four leagues from Tixacalcupul, and a force under Colonel Enfared Lopes despatched from Vallsdolld to attack them suffered a defeat, resulting in the death of a Lieutenant Martinez, of the Engineers, Colonel Lopez was immediately suspended and ordered to answer for the reverse before a court martial. Upon hearing of the affair the Empress sent two hundred deliars to the widow of the lieutenant to assist her until a pension can be granted at Mexico city.

On December 2 a force of Indians six hundred strong attacked the town of Senotillo, and although there was no military force stationed in the place some fifty volunteers succeeded in repulsing the insurgents with heavy loss, but at the cost of several dead and wounded citizens.

In evidence of her appreciation of the beroic conducts.

distributed among the families of those killed in the present of the serious of that act comprised. In another place, on a bed of pain and anguish, ay another victim, writhing from the wounds inflicted by that brother's hand.

RUSS DERIRES THE DEATH OF HIS VICTIM.

This morning he inquired of a police officer, who was rested a near his bedside, if Miss Dayton was still living,